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Interparliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CFSP/CSDP)

4 – 6 March 2015
Riga

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 4 March 2015

14:00 – 19:15	Arrival of delegations and registration for the event at the hotels

	Meeting of the Chairpersons of South European Parliaments
16:00	Departure by bus from the hotels to Saeima
16:30 – 17:30	Meeting of the Chairpersons of South European Parliaments *Venue: Saeima of the Republic of Latvia, Jēkaba iela 11*
17:45	Return to hotels

	Meeting of the Representatives of the Presidency Troika and the European Parliament
17:30	Departure by bus from the hotels to Saeima
18:00 – 19:00	Meeting of the Representatives of the Presidency Troika and the European Parliament *Venue: Saeima of the Republic of Latvia, Jēkaba iela 11*
19:15	Departure by bus to Ziemeļblāzma Culture Palace

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20:00	Dinner hosted by ***Mr Ojārs Ēriks Kalniņš***, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia *Venue: Ziemeļblāzma Culture Palace, Ziemeļblāzmas iela 36*
22:30	Return to the hotels by bus

Thursday, 5 March 2015

	Meeting of the heads of delegations
7:45	Departure by bus from the hotels to the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre
8:30 – 9:30	Meeting of the heads of delegations *Venue: Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre, Ķīpsalas iela 8*

	Meetings of the political groups
8:45	Departure by bus from the hotels to the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre
9:30 – 10:30	Meetings of the political groups *Venue: Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre, Ķīpsalas iela 8* **GUE –** 2/1 Hall **S&D –** 2/2 Hall **EPP –** 2/3 Hall **ALDE –** 2/4 Hall

9:45 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre

10:30 Coffee break
Hall 1

11:00 – 12:00 **OPENING SESSION**

Welcome address by ***Ms Ināra Mūrniece***, Speaker of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Introductory remarks by ***Mr Ojārs Ēriks Kalniņš***, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Introductory remarks by ***Mr Elmar Brok***, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament

12:00 – 14:00 **SESSION I**
State of Play of the European Neighbourhood Policy

Mr Edgars Rinkēvičs, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia
Mr Carl Bildt, former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden
Mr Fathallah Sijilmassi, Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean

Debate

14:00 – 14:15 Family photo

14:15 – 15:30 Lunch
Hall 2

SESSION II

15:30 – 17:30 **European Common Security and Defence Policy and NATO – Better Cooperation in View of the New Security Challenges**

Mr Raimonds Vējonis, Minister for Defence of the Republic of Latvia
Mr Alexander Vershbow, Deputy Secretary General of the NATO
Mr Maciej Popowski, Deputy Secretary General of the European External Action Service

Debate

17:45 Return to the hotels by bus

19:30 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Museum of Decorative Arts and Design

20:00 Reception hosted by ***Mr Ainars Latkovskis,*** Chairman of the Defence, Internal Affairs and Corruption Prevention Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia
Venue: Museum of Decorative Arts and Design, Skārņu iela 10/20

22:30 Return to the hotels by bus

Friday, 6 March 2015

8:00 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre
Venue: Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre, Ķīpsalas iela 8

SESSION III

9:00 – 11:00 **Priorities and Tasks of the Common Foreign and Security Policy**

H.E. Ms Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

Debate

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break
Hall 1

WORKSHOPS

11:30 – 13:30 **1. Towards the Riga Summit – Redefining the Eastern Partnership**

Moderator: ***Ms Lolita Čigāne***, Chairperson of the European Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Rapporteur: ***Mr Petras Auštrevičius***, Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament

Speakers:

- ***Mr Andrzej Gałażewski***, Vice-chair of the European Union Affairs Committee of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland
- ***Mr Maciej Popowski***, Deputy Secretary General of the European External Action Service

- ***Mr Juris Poikāns***, Ambassador-at-Large for the Eastern Partnership of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia
- ***Ms Kadri Liik***, Senior Policy Fellow of the European Council on Foreign Relations
- ***Ms Eka Tkeshelashvili***, President of the Georgian Institute for Strategic Studies
- ***Mr Andris Sprūds***, Director of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs

Debate

2. European Response to the Instability and Threats in the Southern Mediterranean and the Middle East

Moderator: ***Mr Atis Lejiņš***, Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia, founder and former Director of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs

Rapporteur: ***Hon. Francis Zammit Dimech***, Member of the Foreign and European Affairs Committee of the Parliament of Malta

Speakers:

- ***Mr Guy-Michel Chauveau***, Member of Foreign Affairs Committee of the French National Assembly
- ***Mr Pier Antonio Panzeri,*** Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament and Chair of the Delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries and the Arab Maghreb Union
- ***Mr Christian Berger***, Director for North Africa, Middle East, Arabian Peninsula, Iran and Iraq of the European External Action Service
- ***Mr Pēteris Veits***, Assotiate Fellow of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs, ***TBC***

Debate

3. The Hybrid War – a New Security Challenge for Europe

Moderator: ***Mr Rihards Kols***, Deputy Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Rapporteur: ***Mr Raimonds Bergmanis***, Deputy Chairman of the Defence, Internal Affairs and Corruption Prevention Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Speakers :

- ***Mr Ioan Mircea Paşcu***, Vice-Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament
- ***Mr Jānis Kārkliņš***, Director of the NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence
- ***Rear Admiral Waldemar Głuszko***, Deputy Director General of the EU Military Staff of the European External Action Service

- ***Mr James Sherr***, Associate Fellow of the Russia and Eurasia Programme of the Royal Institute of International Affairs – Chatham House (London)
- ***Mr Oleksiy Melnyk***, Co-Director of the Foreign Relations and International Security Programmes at the Razumkov's Centre (Ukraine)
- ***Mr Andis Kudors***, Executive Director of the Centre for East European Policy Studies (Latvia)

Debate

4. Challenges and Solutions for EU Battlegroup Deployment within the Existing Legal Framework

Moderator: ***Mr Michael Gahler***, Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament and the Subcommittee on Security and Defence of the European Parliament

Rapporteur: ***Mr Massimo Artini***, Vice-Chair of the Committee for Defence of the Italian Chamber of Deputies

Speakers :

- ***Mr Frank E. van Kappen***, Chairman of the Standing Committee for Foreign Affairs, Defence and Development Cooperation of the Senate of the Dutch Parliament
- ***Lt. Gen. Ton van Loon***, Retired Lieutenant General of the Royal Netherlands Army
- ***Ms Nora Vanaga***, Researcher of the Center for Security and Strategic Research of the National Defence Academy of Latvia

Debate

13:30 – 15:00 Lunch
Hall 2

15:00 – 16:30 **FINAL SESSION**

Presentation of workshop results

Adoption of the conclusions

Closing Remarks by ***Mr Ojārs Ēriks Kalniņš***, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia; ***Mr Elmar Brok***, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament

16:45 **Return to the hotels by bus**
Optional – guided tour of the Museum of Occupation of Latvia or the former KGB building called the "Corner House"

Departure of delegations